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After attending a mid-February military conference in Peiping, CHEN I returned to Nanking on 1 March and announced to leading East China Military Area (ECMA) cadres the major military tasks of 1951 as decided by the central authorities. He said that the inseparable and interconnected tasks are to oppose America and aid Korea. They are to build up national defense and complete preparations for the liberation of Taiwan. The ECMA and the 3 Field Army (FA) have heavy responsibilities to support the Korean war, strengthen air, ground and naval forces, and shoulder the burden of liberating Taiwan. Central authorities decided to attack Taiwan when preparations were complete, not necessarily waiting until the successful end of the Korean war, which may be long, or the completion of a national defense build-up. All in the 3 FA and the ECMA must incessantly plan for the liberation of Taiwan. It is hoped that the preparations will be completed in July 1951.

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Comment. [redacted] the Communists still plan to liberate Taiwan in 1951, but that the attack has been delayed until July or later.

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Comment. This may tie in with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has stated that many top Communist leaders attended a meeting in Peiping in February, but that he was unable to discover the topics discussed. He suspects that the current line was arbitrarily handed to them.

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